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File: USPT

Jan 1, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6334846

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6334846 B1

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparatus

DATE-ISSUED: January 1, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 09/ 335916

DATE FILED: June 18, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a Continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/624,104 filed Mar. 29, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,984,881, issued Nov. 16, 1990.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	7-097474	March 31, 1995
JP	7-203576	August 9, 1995
JP	8-070206	March 26, 1996

INT-CL: [07] A61 B 5/055, A61 B 8/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 600/439; 600/412

US-CL-CURRENT: 600/439; 600/412

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/2, 601/3, 600/411, 600/439, 600/412

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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<u>4620546</u>	November 1986	Aida et al.	
<u>4658828</u>	April 1987	Dory	
<u>4942878</u>	July 1990	Dory	
<u>4986275</u>	January 1991	Ishida et al.	
<u>RE33590</u>	May 1991	Dory	
<u>5076277</u>	December 1991	Iwama et al.	128/660.03
<u>5080101</u>	January 1992	Dory	
<u>5080102</u>	January 1992	Dory	
<u>5111822</u>	May 1992	Dory	
<u>5143073</u>	September 1992	Dory	
<u>5150712</u>	September 1992	Dory	
<u>5247935</u>	September 1993	Cline et al.	
<u>5291890</u>	March 1994	Cline et al.	
<u>5391140</u>	February 1995	Shaetzke et al.	601/4
<u>5431621</u>	July 1995	Dory	601/2
<u>5435311</u>	July 1995	Umemura et al.	128/660.03
<u>5558092</u>	September 1996	Unger et al.	128/660.03
<u>5722411</u>	March 1998	Suzuki et al.	
<u>5984881</u>	November 1999	Ishibashi et al.	
<u>6083166</u>	July 2000	Holdaway et al.	
<u>6086535</u>	July 2000	Ishibashi et al.	
<u>6093148</u>	July 2000	Fujimoto	
<u>6188923</u>	February 2001	Bechtold	600/427
<u>6194899</u>	February 2001	Ishihara et al.	324/315

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY	US-CL
42 27 800	March 1993	DE	
42 29 817	March 1994	DE	
43 02 538	April 1994	DE	
0 162 735	November 1985	EP	
0 170 416	February 1986	EP	
0 370841	March 1990	EP	
0 370 841	May 1990	EP	
0 627 206	December 1994	EP	
6 59289	August 1994	JP	

ART-UNIT: 3737

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lateef; Marvin M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shaw; Shawna J

ABSTRACT:

An ultrasonic therapeutic apparatus consisting of a therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source driven by a driver circuit to generate therapeutic ultrasonic waves, an in vivo imaging probe so as to obtain a tissue tomographic image in the vicinity of the focus of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves. The imaging probe is used to receive echoes of the ultrasonic pulses emitted from therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source. The driving conditions for the therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source is

adjusted on the basis of a received echo signal. The received echo signal contains information about actual intensity of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves within a living body, thus improving the safety and reliability of therapy.

3 Claims, 67 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	KWIC
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File: USPT

Nov 16, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5984881

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5984881 A

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparatus using a therapeutic ultrasonic wave source and an ultrasonic probe

DATE-ISSUED: November 16, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 08/ 624104

DATE FILED: March 29, 1996

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	7-097474	March 31, 1995
JP	7-203576	August 9, 1995

INT-CL: [06] A61 H 1/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 601/2

US-CL-CURRENT: 601/2

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/2, 601/3, 601/4, 600/449, 600/459

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
Re33590	May 1991	Dory	
4617931	October 1986	Dory	
4620546	November 1986	Aida et al.	
4658828	April 1987	Dory	
4942878	July 1990	Dory	
4986275	January 1991	Ishida et al.	
5076277	December 1991	Iwama et al.	128/660.03
5080101	January 1992	Dory	
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5150712	September 1992	Dory	
5391140	February 1995	Shaetzke et al.	601/4
5431621	July 1995	Dory	601/2
5435311	July 1995	Umemura et al.	128/660.03
5558092	September 1996	Unger et al	128/660.03

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0 162 735	November 1985	EP	
0 170 416	February 1986	EP	
0 370 841	March 1990	EP	
0 627 206	December 1994	EP	
42 27 800	March 1993	DE	
42 29 817	March 1994	DE	
43 02 538	April 1994	DE	
6-59289	August 1994	JP	

ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Manuel; George

ABSTRACT:

An ultrasonic therapeutic apparatus consisting of a therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source driven by a driver circuit to generate therapeutic ultrasonic waves, an in vivo imaging probe so as to obtain a tissue tomographic image in the vicinity of the focus of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves. The imaging probe is used to receive echoes of the ultrasonic pulses emitted from therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source. The driving conditions for the therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source is adjusted on the basis of a received echo signal. The received echo signal contains information about actual intensity of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves within a living body, thus improving the safety and reliability of therapy.

6 Claims, 67 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments
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File: USPT

Jul 11, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6086535

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6086535 A

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparataus

DATE-ISSUED: July 11, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 09/ 335913

DATE FILED: June 18, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This appln. is a DIV of Ser. No. 08/624,104 Mar. 29, 1996.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

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JP	8-070206	March 26, 1996

INT-CL: [07] A61 B 8/00, A61 N 7/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 600/439; 601/2

US-CL-CURRENT: 600/439; 601/2

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/2, 601/3, 600/447, 600/439, 600/437, 600/459, 310/316, 310/317, 310/320, 73/579

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>Re33590</u>	May 1991	Dory	
<u>3828769</u>	August 1974	Mettler	601/2
<u>4617931</u>	October 1986	Dory	
<u>4620546</u>	November 1986	Aida et al.	
<u>4658828</u>	April 1987	Dory	
<u>4942878</u>	July 1990	Dory	
<u>4986275</u>	January 1991	Ishida et al.	
<u>5076277</u>	December 1991	Iwama et al.	128/660.03
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<u>5391140</u>	February 1995	Shaetzke et al.	601/4
<u>5431621</u>	July 1995	Dory	601/2
<u>5435311</u>	July 1995	Umemura et al.	128/660.03
<u>5460595</u>	October 1995	Hall et al.	601/2
<u>5526815</u>	June 1996	Granz et al.	600/439
<u>5558092</u>	September 1996	Unger et al.	128/660.03

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FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY	US-CL
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6-59289	August 1994	JP	

ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Manuel; George

ABSTRACT:

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2 Claims, 67 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments
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File: USPT

Jul 31, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6267734

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6267734 B1

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparatus

DATE-ISSUED: July 31, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 09/ 335915

DATE FILED: June 18, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

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INT-CL: [07] A61 B 8/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 601/2; 600/439

US-CL-CURRENT: 601/2; 600/439

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/2, 601/3, 600/439, 600/440, 600/441, 600/443

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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<u>4620546</u>	November 1986	Aida et al.	
<u>4658828</u>	April 1987	Dory	
<u>4942878</u>	July 1990	Dory	
<u>4986275</u>	January 1991	Ishida et al.	
<u>5076277</u>	December 1991	Iwama et al.	128/660.03
<u>5080101</u>	January 1992	Dory	
<u>5080102</u>	January 1992	Dory	
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<u>5143073</u>	September 1992	Dory	
<u>5150712</u>	September 1992	Dory	
<u>5391140</u>	February 1995	Shaetzke et al.	601/4
<u>5431621</u>	July 1995	Dory	601/2
<u>5435311</u>	July 1995	Umemura et al.	128/660.03
<u>5553618</u>	September 1996	Suzuki et al.	
<u>5558092</u>	September 1996	Unger et al.	128/660.03
<u>5984881</u>	November 1999	Ishibashi et al.	
<u>6086535</u>	July 2000	Ishibashi et al.	

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ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lateef; Marvin M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shaw; Shawna J.

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11 Claims, 67 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments
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☐ 5. Document ID: US 6280402 B1 Relevance Rank: 53

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File: USPT

Aug 28, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6280402

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6280402 B1

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparatus

DATE-ISSUED: August 28, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 09/ 335914

DATE FILED: June 18, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a Division of application Ser. No. 08/624,104 filed on Mar. 29, 1996 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,984,881.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
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JP	7-203576	August 9, 1995

INT-CL: [07] A61 B 8/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 601/2; 600/439

US-CL-CURRENT: 601/2; 600/439

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/2, 601/3, 600/439, 600/440, 600/441, 600/443

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
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<u>5675554</u>	October 1997	Cole et al.	
<u>5706819</u>	January 1998	Hwang et al.	
<u>5827188</u>	October 1998	Wright et al.	
<u>5984881</u>	November 1999	Ishibashi et al.	
<u>6086535</u>	July 2000	Ishibashi et al.	

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March 1994

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ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lateef; Marvin M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shaw; Shawna J

ABSTRACT:

An ultrasonic therapeutic apparatus consisting of a therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source driven by a driver circuit to generate therapeutic ultrasonic waves, an in vivo imaging probe so as to obtain a tissue tomographic image in the vicinity of the focus of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves. The imaging probe is used to receive echoes of the ultrasonic pulses emitted from therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source. The driving conditions for the therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source is adjusted on the basis of a received echo signal. The received echo signal contains information about actual intensity of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves within a living body, thus improving the safety and reliability of therapy.

2 Claims, 67 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Sep 24, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6454713

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6454713 B1

TITLE: Ultrasound therapeutic apparatus

DATE-ISSUED: September 24, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ishibashi; Yoshiharu	Tokyo			JP
Fujimoto; Katsuhiko	Urawa			JP
Shibata; Mariko	Yokohama			JP
Suzuki; Takuji	Kawasaki			JP
Aida; Satoshi	Tokyo			JP

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba	Kawasaki			JP	03

APPL-NO: 09/ 335521

DATE FILED: June 18, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a division of application Ser. No. 08/624,104 filed Mar. 29, 1996 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,984,881.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

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JP	8-070206	March 26, 1996

INT-CL: [07] A61 B 17/22

US-CL-ISSUED: 600/439

US-CL-CURRENT: 600/439

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 601/4, 601/2, 601/3, 600/439, 600/407

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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<u>5358466</u>	October 1994	Aida et al.	601/4
<u>5381792</u>	January 1995	Yanagida et al.	600/439
<u>5391140</u>	February 1995	Shaetzke et al.	601/4
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<u>5435311</u>	July 1995	Umemura et al.	128/660.03
<u>5553618</u>	September 1996	Suzuki et al.	600/407
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42 27 800	March 1993	DE	
42 29 817	March 1994	DE	
43 02 538	April 1994	DE	
0 162 735	November 1985	EP	
0 170 416	February 1986	EP	
0 370841	March 1990	EP	
0 627 206	December 1994	EP	
6 59289	August 1994	JP	

ART-UNIT: 3737

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Casler; Brian L.

ABSTRACT:

An ultrasonic therapeutic apparatus consisting of a therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source driven by a driver circuit to generate therapeutic ultrasonic waves, an in vivo imaging probe so as to obtain a tissue tomographic image in the vicinity of the focus of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves. The imaging probe is used to receive echoes of the ultrasonic pulses emitted from therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source. The driving conditions for the therapeutic ultrasonic wave generating source is adjusted on the basis of a received echo signal. The received echo signal contains information about actual intensity of the therapeutic ultrasonic waves within a living body, thus improving the safety and reliability of therapy.

5 Claims, 68 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	KWC
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File: USPT

Jan 2, 1996

US-PAT-NO: 5481190

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5481190 A

TITLE: MRI auto power control method and system

DATE-ISSUED: January 2, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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PARENT-CASE:

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US-CL-CURRENT: 324/314; 324/307

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 324/300, 324/307, 324/308, 324/309, 324/312, 324/314, 324/318, 324/322

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>4675608</u>	January 1987	Hanawa et al.	324/314
<u>4739267</u>	April 1988	Leroux et al.	324/314
<u>4806867</u>	February 1989	Hanawa et al.	324/314
<u>4866386</u>	September 1989	Sattin	324/314
<u>4983921</u>	January 1991	Kramer et al.	324/309

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ART-UNIT: 225

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis M.

ABSTRACT:

An MRI automatic power control system comprises a first unit for exciting each of a plurality of regions of a subject under examination with an excitation radio-frequency pulse of a different power, a second unit for acquiring magnetic resonance signals from the plurality of regions excited by the first unit, a third unit for identifying a maximum magnetic resonance signal contained in the magnetic resonance signals acquired by the second unit from the plurality of regions of the subject, and a fourth unit for storing the power of an excitation radio-frequency pulse that has provided the maximum magnetic resonance signal identified by the third unit as the optimum power of the excitation radio-frequency pulses.

12 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments
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File: USPT

Aug 25, 1987

US-PAT-NO: 4689563

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4689563 A

TITLE: High-field nuclear magnetic resonance imaging/spectroscopy system

DATE-ISSUED: August 25, 1987

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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DATE FILED: June 10, 1985

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309

US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 324/309

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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<u>4319190</u>	March 1982	Brown	324/313 X
<u>4443760</u>	April 1984	Edelstein et al.	324/309
<u>4472683</u>	September 1984	Seikhara et al.	324/309
<u>4553096</u>	November 1985	Randell	324/309
<u>4558279</u>	December 1985	Ackerman et al.	324/315
<u>4567440</u>	January 1986	Haselgrove	324/309
<u>4602641</u>	July 1986	Feinberg	324/309 X
<u>4617516</u>	October 1986	Schenck	324/309 X
<u>4618827</u>	October 1986	Redington et al.	324/309
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"Radiology--70th Scientific Assembly Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov. 25-30, 1984," brochure, General Electric Company, 1984; 7 pages.

ART-UNIT: 265

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Noland; Tom

ABSTRACT:

A magnetic resonance system for both imaging and spectroscopy of a sample of non-magnetic material (such as a portion of the human anatomy and the like) at one static magnetic field magnitude in excess of 0.7 Tesla (T), utilizes a superconducting magnet having a room-temperature bore of diameter sufficiently large to place therein not only the desired sample but also a set of gradient magnetic field-producing coils and at least one radio-frequency coil for exciting and/or receiving response signals from the sample to be examined. The entire magnetic system has suitably-small temporal and positional field variations to allow imaging to be accomplished at the resonant frequencies of nuclei including .sup.1 H, .sup.13 C, .sup.19 F, .sup.23 Na and .sup.31 P. The system includes a novel interface subsystem, itself including a novel gradient signal switching circuit, for acquiring imaging data in relatively short time intervals.

15 Claims, 21 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	KWC
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File: USPT

Aug 25, 1987

US-PAT-NO: 4689564

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4689564 A

TITLE: Digital interface subsystem for a magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy system

DATE-ISSUED: August 25, 1987

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: June 10, 1985

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309; 324/312, 324/313, 324/314

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 324/309, 324/312, 324/313, 324/314

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PAT-NO.	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>4115730</u>	September 1978	Mansfield	324/312 X
<u>4361807</u>	November 1982	Burl et al.	324/309
<u>4443760</u>	April 1984	Edelstein et al.	324/314 X
<u>4480228</u>	October 1984	Bottomley	324/309
<u>4573015</u>	February 1986	Abe et al.	324/313 X
<u>4585992</u>	April 1986	Maudsley et al.	324/309
<u>4585993</u>	April 1986	Bottomley	324/309 X

ART-UNIT: 265

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Noland; Tom

ABSTRACT:

A digital interface subsystem, for a magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy system, has an internal data bus interconnecting: a master sequencer, receiving instructions from a main system computer; a plurality of controlled generators for providing gradient-field, RF modulation and other required signal waveforms for proper excitation of a sample; and circuitry for analyzing the magnetic resonance response signals from the sample, responsive to the excitation signals for providing image information.

18 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments
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File: USPT

Jul 14, 1987

US-PAT-NO: 4680547

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4680547 A

TITLE: Gradient field switch for improved magnetic resonance imaging/spectroscopy system

DATE-ISSUED: July 14, 1987

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Glover; Gary H.	Oconomowoc	WI		
Adamchick; John T.	Amsterdam	NY		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
General Electric Company	Schenectady	NY			02

APPL-NO: 06/ 743115

DATE-FILED: June 10, 1985

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309
US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>4372323</u>	February 1983	Takemura et al.	128/660
<u>4510448</u>	April 1985	Riedl	324/309

ART-UNIT: 265

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Tokar; Michael J.

ABSTRACT:

A gradient field switch, for use in an improved nuclear magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy system, includes a control portion and a switching portion. The switching portion receives a plurality of magnetic field gradient signals and connects each signal to an associated one of at least the same plurality of outputs. The exact pattern of input-output interconnections is established by the control portion responsive to data received after the presence of a reset signal. By appropriate control data input, the gradient field signals can be routed to axes of a predetermined coordinate system, such that images of a sample can be obtained from several directions, responsive to command signals and without requiring physical movement of the sample being imaged.

13 Claims, 12 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	KWC
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File: USPT

Sep 15, 1987

US-PAT-NO: 4694254
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4694254 A

TITLE: Radio-frequency spectrometer subsystem for a magnetic resonance imaging system

DATE-ISSUED: September 15, 1987

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 324/309, 324/307, 324/312, 324/313, 324/314, 324/318, 324/322

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<u>4361807</u>	November 1982	Burl et al.	324/309
<u>4480228</u>	October 1984	Bottomley	324/307 X
<u>4506223</u>	March 1985	Bottomley et al.	324/307 X
<u>4516075</u>	May 1985	Moran	324/309
<u>4573015</u>	February 1986	Abe et al.	324/313 X
<u>4585992</u>	April 1986	Maudsley et al.	324/312 X

ART-UNIT: 265

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Noland; Tom

ABSTRACT:

A radio-frequency (RF) spectrometer subsystem, for a nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and imaging system, provides high-power RF pulse signals each having an envelope of minimum distortion; a portion of the actual RF magnetic field, in the sample-examination volume, is returned to the spectrometer for subsequent correction of the RF signal characteristics responsive to a comparison of the RF magnetic field sample waveform to the requested pulse envelope waveform.

20 Claims, 23 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	KMC
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US-PAT-NO: 5588032
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5588032 A

TITLE: Apparatus and method for imaging with wavefields using inverse scattering techniques

DATE-ISSUED: December 24, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Borup; David T.	Salt Lake City	UT	84103	
Christensen; Douglas A.	Salt Lake City	UT	84121	
Stenger; Frank	Salt Lake City	UT	84103	

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DATE FILED: October 14, 1992

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PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
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<u>4727550</u>	February 1988	Chang et al.	372/2
<u>4798209</u>	January 1989	Klingenbach et al.	128/653
<u>5227797</u>	July 1993	Murphy	342/22

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ART-UNIT: 256

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Dzierzynski; Paul M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Bruce; David Vernon

ABSTRACT:

An apparatus and method for rapid real time imaging with wavefield energy by inverse scattering using a C.P.U programmed to process data derived from wavefield energy that has been transmitted and scattered by an object so as to reconstruct a wavefield image of the object. Electronic signals are propagated and are transduced into wavefield energy waves which in turn are propagated toward the object. Detector means detect the wavefield energy waves scattered by the object. The detected wavefield energy waves are then electronically processed and input into a high-speed digital computer which may comprise a C.P.U. and/or a C.P.U in combination with an array or parallel processor. Data is also prepared and input to the computer representing the incident field and the computer then reconstructs a high-quality image of the object having high spacial resolution and including actual internal viscous and elastic properties of the object through the use of new inverse scattering techniques used in the data processing steps. The media in which the object is embedded may be fluid or solid, homogeneous, or layered (such as stratigraphic layering, or ocean velocity layers, or layering of composites in nondestructive imaging applications), or may consist of porous material (either sedimentary deposits or composites in nondestructive testing).

120 Claims, 63 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Apparatus and method for imaging with wavefields using inverse scattering techniques

DATE-ISSUED: December 21, 1999

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Wiskin; James W.	Salt Lake City	UT		
Natterer; Frank	Muenster			DE
Wubeling; F.	Muenster			DE
Zhang; Yongzhi	Madison	WI		
Olsen; Scott Charles	Salt Lake City	UT		

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DATE FILED: November 17, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 378/8, 378/86, 378/87, 378/90, 378/98, 378/901, 600/410, 600/425, 600/437, 600/476

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An apparatus and method for rapid real time imaging with wavefield energy using a C.P.U. programmed to process data derived from wavefield energy that has been transmitted and scattered by an object so as to reconstruct a wavefield image of the object. Electronic signals are propagated and are transduced into wavefield energy waves which in turn are propagated toward the object. Detectors detect the wavefield energy waves scattered by the object. The detected wavefield energy waves are then electronically processed and input into a high-speed digital computer which may comprise a C.P.U. and/or a C.P.U. in combination with an array or parallel processor. Data is also prepared and input to the computer representing the incident field and the computer then reconstructs a high-quality image of the object having high spacial resolution and including actual properties of the object. The media in which the object is embedded may be fluid or solid, homogeneous, or layered (such as stratigraphic layering, or ocean velocity layers, or layering of composites in nondestructive imaging applications), or may consist of porous material (either sedimentary deposits or composites in nondestructive testing).

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The spin properties of paramagnetic materials are utilized to provide a correlator of radar signals. Paramagnetic materials having an in homogeneous resonance line and relatively long spin-spin and spin-lattice relaxation times such as phosphorous-doped silicon are placed into a coupling structure which couples RF energy to the magnetic spin system. Such a structure can be a simple tuned LC oscillator for low-frequency operation or a microwave cavity or slow wave structure for microwave operation.

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ABSTRACT:

An improved method for defect detectability for the inspection of liquid filled pipes using magnetostrictive sensors. The improved method comprises first recognizing the liquid-induced changes in the dispersion properties of the second longitudinal wave mode, L(0,2). These liquid-induced changes include a severe dispersion at periodic branching frequencies that result in a pulse-like characteristic in the extended received signal. A trailing portion of a received signal component associated with a geometric irregularity, is shown to comprise the branching frequency components. The trailing portion of the extended signal may therefore be removed in order to improve defect detection. The removal process comprises one of three alternative methods. A first method includes creating a short duration pulse free of the frequency components that comprise the trailing signals, and applying the pulse to a magnetostrictive transmitter, thereby generating a longitudinal wave signal in the pipe wall free of the trailing signal frequency components. A second method comprises transmitting a broadband signal and processing the detected signal through a digital filter that eliminates those frequency components known to comprise the trailing signals. A third method involves using a signal whose bandwidth lies in the region between two adjacent branching frequencies in the dispersion curve. The result is a detected signal within which components representative of irregularities are less extended and therefore less likely to override subsequent defect components in the detected signal.

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